

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 3612 - SB 3615**

February 29, 2012

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Defines a “credentialed individual” under the Tennessee Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Pedorthics Practice Act of 2005 as anyone certified through the American Board for Certification in Orthotics and Prosthetics (ABC) or the Board for Orthotist/Prosthetist Certification (BOC) as an orthotist or prosthetist, who has at least 10 years of patient care experience in orthotics or prosthetics, who does not meet all qualifications for licensure under the Act. Authorizes a credentialed individual to provide patient care within the individual’s scope of practice, while working under the indirect supervision of a licensed orthotist or prosthetist, based on written objective criteria as outlined in this legislation. Requires the licensed orthotist or prosthetist to be available for consultation throughout the patient care process, either in the office or by real-time communication, and deems the licensed orthotist or prosthetist responsible for all services that a certified individual is privileged to provide.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

**Assumptions:**

- Any rulemaking can be accomplished during regularly scheduled Board of Podiatric Examiners meetings and can be accommodated within existing resources of the Board.
- Any increase in regulatory duties and subsequent disciplinary actions against licensed orthotists and prosthetists for failure to comply with the provisions of this bill will not result in a significant fiscal impact to the Board.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-3-1011, all health-related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. As of June 30, 2011, the Board had a cumulative balance of \$101,862.67.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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